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"His work is done.

He sat a while at eventide
To watch his sun go down
And think upon
His fruitful years with noble pride
His silvered hair his crown.

His work is done.

For half a century of years
He fought and led the fight
This stalwart son
Of courage stilled men's fears
And held aloft the light
That they might win,
That they might meet the common foe,
And find a grand release
From bonds of sin;

He made the fires of freedom glow;
He taught men faith and hope and courage
And self-mastery and obedience to God's way.
How well he wrought!
His work is done.